

Group 3

Breakout session on the way forward



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Q1. How do you see the changing data ecosystem?

- Private companies now generate statistics from administrative data, reshaping expectations for official statistics
- This competition is raising the bar on timeliness, granularity, and user experience
- NSOs are learning rapidly through partnerships, and technology transfer
- If NSOs are not careful, they risk being sidelined
- If NSOs act strategically, we can become even more relevant.

Q2. Biggest challenges and opportunities over the next five years

Challenges:

- Securing buy-in from stakeholders
- Timeliness and continuity of data flows
- Digitalization still at an early stage
- Fragmented data sources and inconsistent definitions/standards
- Variable government commitment and resourcing
- Lack of leadership and digital skills of national chief statistician (top leadership).

Q2. Biggest challenges and opportunities over the next five years (continued)

Opportunities

- Strong high-level political support for data-driven policy
- Cross-ministry funding and partnerships
- Bring innovation by partnering with line ministries, academia, and the private sector, including co-funded projects.

Q3: How should official statistics respond?

- Build a unified, interoperable government database with common identifiers, metadata
- Institutionalize data governance
- Modernize infrastructure and skills
- Improve timeliness
- Strengthen user engagement and trust through transparent methods, packaging of the data.

Q4: What support could the UNSC, and its working groups provide on data governance and stewardship?

- Promote GSBPM to improve efficiency of end-to-end processes
- Share guidance, best practices, and targeted capacity-building on data governance and stewardship.



Thank you



Q5: Digital transformation